

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 98-6 (as amended)

Introduced by Council Member Chenoweth, Council President Parrott and Council Members
Decker, Glassman and Shank

Legislative Day No. 98-4 Date February 3, 1998

AN ACT to ~~dedicate the franchise fee revenue to the operation of Harford Cable Network~~ provide that the revenues received from the cable television franchise fees shall be the funding source to support the operations of the Harford Cable Network; to provide that the revenue ~~be dedicated in incremental amounts~~ shall be available to support either the capital or operating expenses of the Harford Cable Network; and generally relating to the funding of Harford Cable Network.

By the Council February 3, 1998

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 3, 1998
at: 7:45 p.m.

By Order: Mary Kate Herbig, Acting Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 3, 1998 and concluded on March 3, 1998.

Mary Kate Herbig, Acting Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates Language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 WHEREAS, The Harford Cable Network is a multi-use channel which functions as a
2 public access channel, covers governmental meetings, special projects and activities in the
3 County and provides a medium through which educational programming can be disseminated;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The County Council and the Harford Cable Network Board believe that the
6 franchise fees, which are paid by the citizens who subscribe to cable television, should be used to
7 fund the operation of Harford Cable Network.

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The Harford County Council of Harford County, Maryland, That
10 ~~the estimated annual revenue to be received by Harford County from the franchise fees imposed~~
11 ~~by the two cable companies operating in the County shall be dedicated to the operation of the~~
12 ~~Harford Cable Network in the following manner:~~

13 ~~—— A. At least 67% of the total estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998~~
14 ~~and ending June 30, 1999;~~

15 ~~—— B. At least 80 % of the total estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999~~
16 ~~and ending June 30, 2000;~~

17 ~~—— C. At least 90 % of the total estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000~~
18 ~~and ending June 30, 2001; and~~

19 ~~—— D. 100% of the total estimated revenue to be received for the fiscal year beginning July 1,~~
20 ~~2002, and for each fiscal year thereafter shall be dedicated to the operation of Harford Cable~~
21 ~~Network.~~

22 the funding necessary to support the capital or operating expenses for the Harford Cable

23 Network, as recommended by the Harford Cable Network Board and approved by the Harford

- 1 County Council, shall be provided from the cable television franchise fees.
- 2 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
- 3 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: May 19, 1998

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AS AMENDED

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 98-6 (as amended)

(Brief Title) Cable Television Franchise Fee

Funding for Harford Cable Network

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for
enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

Mary Kate Herbig
Acting Council Administrator

Joanne S. Parrott 3/17/98
President of the Council

Date March 17, 1998

Date March 17, 1998

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 98-9 (March 17, 1998)

Failed of Passage:

By Order

Mary Kate Herbig
Acting Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for approval this 19th day of March, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.

Mary Kate Herbig
Acting Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

William M. Behrman
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date

March 20, 1998

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 98-6, as amended), having been approved by the
Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on March 20, 1998.

Mary Kate Herbig
Acting Council Administrator

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 1998

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AS AMENDED